

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1250

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Bud Brandon and the Wilson Central High School girls' basketball team upon winning the 2008 Class AAA State Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Wilson Central High School girls' basketball team is one such estimable team which recently won the 2008 Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association (TSSAA) Class AAA Girls' Basketball State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Bud Brandon, the Wilson Central High School Lady Wildcats basketball team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2007-2008 season, establishing an excellent record of thirty-one wins against only six losses along the path to capturing the TSSAA Class AAA Girls' Basketball State Championship; and

WHEREAS, Wilson Central followed an excellent regular season with outstanding postseason performances, placing as the runner-up in both the District 9 AAA Tournament and the Region 5 AAA Tournament and earning a berth in the state title contest; and

WHEREAS, after vanquishing Memphis Bartlett, 60-49, in the first round of the state tournament, the Lady Wildcats edged out Oak Ridge High School, 46-44, in the semi-finals, thereby advancing to the Class AAA State Tournament final; and

WHEREAS, facing the powerful Millington High School Lady Trojans in the championship game, the Lady Wildcats emerged victorious after a hard fought battle, capturing the state title after a 37-33 overtime win; and

WHEREAS, this talented team, which earned a final ranking in the *USA Today* Super 25 as the twenty-fourth best team in the country and seventh in the south, also earned many

individual awards. Coach Brandon earned recognition as the District 9 AAA Coach of the Year; Jasmine Hassell won Most Valuable Player of the state tournament, the Class AAA Miss Basketball Award, and the *Tennessean* Player of the Year Award and was named to the All-District, All-Region, and All-State teams; Chelsea Burroughs was named to the All-District, All-Region, and All-State teams; Lauren Wasson was named to the All-District team; and Ieshia Hassell was named to the All-Region and All-State teams; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Head Coach Bud Brandon's able leadership, the Lady Wildcats benefited from the hard work and guidance of Assistant Coaches Campbell Brandon, Jay Holladay, and Missy Oakley; Statisticians Brittany Farmer and Sara Tichenor; and Managers Brittany Hillyer and Kesley Tack; and

WHEREAS, the members of this extraordinary championship team are senior Chelsea Burroughs; juniors Jasmine Hassell, Kelsey McGee, Jessyca Christopher, and Lauren Wasson; sophomores Kelsie Crips, Shea Blankenship, Jenna Baines, and Ashlee Parton; and freshmen Chantley Frazier, Ieshia Hassell, Taylor Hallman, Tori Caplenor, Mary Edwards, and Sommer Smith; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character throughout the season, the members of the Wilson Central High School girls' basketball team conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women made possible a memorable championship season; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of its athletic teams that have succeeded both on the court and in the game of life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Head Coach Bud Brandon and the Wilson Central High School Lady Wildcats' basketball team upon winning the 2008 TSSAA Class AAA Girls' Basketball State Championship and offer our best wishes for their future success in athletics and in life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.